

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Competitive Products Price Changes
Rates of General Applicability

Docket No. CP2013-3

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued October 17, 2012)

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.6, the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the questions below. Answers should be provided as soon as possible, but by no later than October 24, 2012.

1. Please refer to the non-public "Price Calc Files" folder that shows supporting price adjustment calculations. It appears that the Priority Mail price adjustment calculations were not included within this folder. Please provide the supporting Priority Mail price adjustment calculations. If you cannot provide this information, please explain.
2. Governors' Decision No. 12-02 at page 4 states that the Postal Service plans to offer customers ordering flat rate package supplies online the option to have their supplies delivered faster than the current free service. It further states that the supplies will be shipped using either "Standard" Post or Bound Printed Matter (BPM) for a fee of \$2.50.
 - a. Please confirm that this optional flat rate package supplies delivery service will be added as a rate category under the Shipping and Mailing Supplies product. If not confirmed, please identify where the Postal Service proposes to place this service in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS).

- b. Please explain how the Postal Service will determine which of the two products, “Standard” Post or BPM, it will use to ship the customer’s order.
 - c. Please explain how flat rate packaging supplies will qualify to be sent as BPM.
 - d. The Attachment to Governors’ Decision No. 12-2 draft section 2635.2 proposes to add a new range (\$0.00 to \$25.00) of “Shipping Fees” for Shipping and Mailing Supplies. Please clarify why the range for shipping fees in the draft MCS is proposed to be “[\$]0.00 to [\$]25.00” when the fee is proposed to be set at \$2.50.
3. In the attached MCS changes at page 81, the Postal Service proposes to revise the First-Class Package Service non-barcode/non-machinable surcharge language to state “certain parcels may be subject to a \$0.08 surcharge, as specified by the Postal Service.” Under this proposed language, please identify all circumstances that would cause a parcel to be subject to the \$0.08 surcharge.
4. For Post Office Box service, please provide the specific Semi-Annual Fees for each Box Size and Fee Group.
5. Please confirm that a Post Office Box service customer is assigned a rate in fee group C30 through C37 as a semi-annual fee and a rate in fee group C38 through C44 as a 3-month fee. If you cannot confirm, please identify the specific conditions that distinguish the rates in fee groups C30 through C37 from the rates in fee groups C38 through C44.
6. Are customers of Post Office Box service for all competitive fee groups (C30 through C44) eligible to receive enhanced services to include: (1) the option to receive electronic notification when mail is delivered to the customer’s post office box; (2) the option to use the post office street address and a “#” designation in lieu of a “P.O. Box” designation; and (3) for customers who choose to use the post office street address, the option to receive packages from private carriers?

If not, please identify the competitive Post Office Box service customer types or fee groups that offer these additional services and identify which additional services are provided to such fee groups or customers.

7. Please refer to Governors' Decision No. 12-02, Attachment B at section 2303.6. This section shows the table of prices for First-Class Package International Service. For each destination country, please provide the applicable country-specific price group designations (numbers).

By the Chairman.

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